

SUBSTITUTE ABSTRACT

A melt filter for cleaning a plastic melt issuing from an extruder has a wheel rotatable about an axis and having an outer rim and a plurality of spokes forming an annular array of axially open spaces, a pair of housing plates axially sandwiching and completely covering the wheel and forming offset from the axis a melt passage extending axially through the wheel at the spaces, and removable filter elements braced axially against the wheel at the spaces between the spokes and angularly movable with the wheel with the melt flowing through the filter elements when same are aligned with the passage. One of the plates being formed with an edge cutout. A part on the one housing plate that can cover and close the cutout during normal operation of the melt filter can open and uncover the cutout for changing the filter element aligned axially with the cutout.